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CONGRESSMAN AL GREEN TRAVELS TO SELMA TO COMMEMORATE THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF 'BLOODY SUNDAY'



Congressmen Al Green and John Lewis in Selma, Alabama for the 50th Anniversary of 'Bloody Sunday.'

Over the weekend of March 6, 2015, Congressman Al Green (TX-09) joined civil rights icon Congressman John Lewis (GA-05) in leading thousands of marchers across the Edmund Pettus Bridge to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of 'Bloody Sunday.' The marchers included a bipartisan coalition of Members of Congress, as well as civil rights

leaders and citizens from across the country. As one of the original marchers on 'Bloody Sunday,' Congressman Lewis suffered a fractured skull when state troopers beat back the group of peaceful voting rights protestors. President

Obama addressed the marchers on Saturday in a historic speech at the foot of the bridge. Congressman Al Green's statement is below:

"It was awe-inspiring to stand on the Edmund Pettus Bridge and listen to President Obama, our nation's first African-American President, discuss the legacy of 'Bloody Sunday.' Fifty years ago on that same bridge, under the color of law, peace officers and civilians beat back and menaced peaceful protesters as they marched for voting rights. The individuals who chose to participate in that march were of great courage. They were doing it at a time when they did not always benefit from constitutional rights and protections. In those days, African-Americans suffered abuses that many times went unpunished.

"Each time I march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge on the anniversary of 'Bloody Sunday,' alongside Congressman John Lewis, I am reminded of how critical it is that we continue to guard and strengthen voting rights. We must strengthen the Voting Rights Act, the legacy of 'Bloody Sunday,' such that we can preserve and expand on the progress we have made as a nation."



Congressmen Al Green with fellow lawmakers and marchers in Selma, Alabama for the 50th Anniversary of 'Bloody Sunday.'



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